



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB)**

### **Minutes**

### **Wednesday, June 1, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Ford.

**Members Present:** John Patrick Ford, Dolli Cutler, Sam Duran, Sharon McColl, Donald Steele, Floyd Willis **Excused Absences:** Millie Acasio, Leane Marchese, Madeline Paul, Cheryl Wilson, William Liu **Absent:** Rosemary White-Pope, Rudy Fernandez **Staff Present:** Diana Gray **Guests:** Lydia Callis, Kristi Fenick

Introductions were made.

#### **Modifications to the Agenda:**

The agenda was modified to place the guest speaker first on agenda.

**Guest speaker, Lydia Callis, SANDAG CTS Coordinator:** Lydia Callis presented information on the Coordinated Transportation Service Agency. SANDAG sponsors STRIDE San Diego website which is used to connect many area seniors and disabled to critical transportation referrals and information.

SANDAG has extended the TransNet ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax for San Diego. With this extension, SANDAG has established a Mini Grant Program for specialized transportation services for seniors which will provide \$1.0 million to be used to fund supplemental seniors transportation services throughout the San Diego region scheduled to start in May 2008. There is a matching grant component that will expand the reach of the grant.

Lydia invited SAAB members to participate and assist them in a senior citizens transportation survey for the San Diego Region. The survey will be used to assess the transportation needs of seniors. The survey will be finalized by the end of July. Suggestions and recommendations are being taken through the middle of July. Seniors, 60 years of age and over are being targeted. SAAB members recommended approaching informal senior community leaders to seek assistance in getting the survey out to the target population. It was also stressed that incentives might be used to get completed surveys returned.

Information on the Council on Access & Mobility (CAM) meeting schedule was distributed along with other valuable resource information on services provided to seniors.

## **Old Business:**

**Housing Committee (Cheryl Wilson):** Pat discussed SAAB's strategic plan and how that information would be wrapped up into the Annual Report to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee next week.

**Transportation Committee (Floyd Willis):** The ongoing strategy of the Transportation Committee is to connect with what is already in process in the community, i.e., SANDAG, MTS, and CTS. This is in keeping with the collective problem solving approach to addressing senior transportation issues and concerns. The Seniors Ride Free issue will also be included in the Annual Report along with a consolidated transportation report.

**Annual Report to Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee:** An initial draft of SAAB's Annual Report was presented at the meeting. The draft will be ready for final review and Pat's signature tomorrow, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

SAAB members were encouraged to attend the PS & NS Committee Meeting in June to support the members who would be making the oral presentation on SAAB's Annual Report.

## **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**New Business:** None at this time.

## **Announcements:**

A reminder invitation to attend Monday's Council Meeting where new and returning board members will be voted on. Also, a reminder that next Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. SAAB will make its Annual Report.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 6, 2005*

*Chairperson: Patrick Ford*

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